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October 5, 2004

Mr. Stan Wagner
Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corporation
Little Bonanza Operations
Star Route
Vernal, Utah 84078

Subject: Plugging Proposal for Shafts 1 and 2 of Cowboy-Bandana Mines, Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corporation, Ziegler Gilsonite Mines, M/047/013, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wagner:

The Division has received and reviewed your proposal for closure of the referenced shafts on federal lease U-0122693. This was submitted in response to a notice of noncompliance issued by the Bureau of Land Management June 10, 2004.

The Division hereby approves your proposal with one condition:

Each major step in closing these shafts must be photo-documented. These photos need to show that the plugs are on bedrock, that reinforcing steel was used and was installed properly, and that you used the proper thickness of concrete.

Unless a Division representative is present when a shaft is being sealed, it is impossible for us to know exactly what methods were used and whether closure was done properly. It would also be nearly impossible for a Division or BLM representative to be present every time you seal a shaft. For this reason, ***the Division will require photo-documentation for releasing any shafts closed in the future.***

Please note that the BLM may have additional requirements and we encourage you to work with them to ensure abatement of their notice of noncompliance.

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Please call me at 801-538-5325 or Paul Baker at 801-538-5261 if you have any questions about this approval or these conditions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Stan Perkes, BLM

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